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To whom it my concern:

Email Misha Vakoc (vakoc.misha@epa.gov) re Permit WAS026611

I am very concerned about the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island storm water permit WAS026611 for (SLOUGH /Clover Valley Creek.)

Clover valley creek is a name the NAVY gave to the SLOUGH just recently.

The dike held in 1918 the basin was created to collect the drainage water from the property's that Diking District 3 flume gates controlled the discharge of said water to Dugualla bay until the NAVY drastically increased the amount of water coming to basin. In the 1950 the NAVY installed a pier and pumps to take care of the extra increase in water runoff from the base & runways to the basin.

This permit WAS026611 does not protect the civilian population/Washington State waters from the heavy pollution and contamination from NASWI.

The NAVY just divulged in a WNT article from testing for (PFOA&PFOS) at 175 ppt at the end of the navy's fence line (NO monitoring of the pollution/contamination) and 145 ppt (NO monitoring of pollution/contaminations) at the pumps they operate to pump the drainage basin into Dugualla bay; not more than a 100 yards away is a Washington State Salomon habitat restoration project. The NAVY has just dredged this (SLOUGH /clover valley creek) and has probably released a huge amount of pollution/contaminations down the (SLOUGH /clover valley creek) on to the civilian properties the NAVY

was running the pumps over four days straight during this dredging and refused to stop when I called and requested them to stop and test Water/soil for pollution/contamination; I supplied photos of this dredging to community leaders with NO response.

Our family also has irrigations rights witch we use for our farm from (SLOUGH /clover valley creek) pre-dating the NAVY. When the NAVY refuses to pump the drainage basin down it floods our fields which compromise approx. over 40 acres. Any pollutions/contamination the NAVY has dumped in to said (SLOUGH /clover valley creek) ends up in our fields were we grow crops and graze animals that are ingesting this (pollutions/contamination). The NAVY has refused to test our crops, soil; an animal for any pollutions/contaminations that they have admitted to dumped in to this (SLOUGH /clover valley creek) and is unwilling to be forthright about any of the pollution/contaminations. I believe you need to deny this permits until the NAVY is compelled to test all property owners land etc... for all and any pollution/contaminations.

I have contacted commissioners, EPA, state legislature, governor's office numerous times with no response. I was appalled at the lack of response from community leaders on their disregard for our environment. This was such a horrendous environmental disaster. It affects not only everyone in the basin, Nemours farms and all seafood in the Salish Sea.

We as a community are requesting and open and public hearing on this permit.

Thank you

Garrett Newkirk